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most searching investigation as to all things taxable, and upon the property in Georgia shall be returned at its true value. The amendment was adopted.

## THE NIGHT SESSION.

The senate met at 7:30. After some discussion on the tax bill it was passed by a vote of 31 to 1, and at once transmitted to the house.

## FOR FURNISHING NEW CAPITAL.

The bill to furnish the new capital was taken up for the purpose of concurring in the amendments of the senate. The senate proposed to strike out \$71,000 furnishing the building and inserting \$25,000 of which amount \$15,000 was proposed for completing and closing the vault in the treasury department. Owing to some objections, the bill was re-committed to the committee on appropriations. At the afternoon session the committee reported that the bill was to be referred to the committee to strike out \$10,000 for the part in the treasury department and insert \$12,000, making the entire appropriation \$83,000 for the furnishing of the new building. The amendment of the committee was agreed to.

## HOUSE PENTINE.

Ex-Governor Biglow and party, of Connecticut, and Hon. John Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, were tendered seats at the table.

The tenth bill to furnish the new capital was introduced by the committee of the present session.

Mr. Atkinson introduced a resolution that the elect of the house have printed for the use of the members, immediately after adjournment, a statement of the bills pending for the summer session, with their titles.

Mr. Atkinson, of Coweta, offered a resolution that Hon. John Randolph Tucker be invited to deliver Hon. John Randolph Tucker's speech at the opening of the session. The resolution was adopted and a committee of Dr. Felton, of Bartow, Mr. Lawson, of Putnam, and Mr. Atkinson, of Coweta, were appointed to receive him.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Morgan, one of the sureties in the bank of Rome as a state depositary, was read, and no further action was taken went over.

## AMENDING NATIONAL BANK ACT.

The resolution of Mr. Calvin, of Richmond, asking our representatives in congress to introduce an act to amend the national bank act, so as to authorize loans on real estate as collateral was taken up and passed by the house.

## A Mock Session.

The house adjourned in expectation of receiving the tax bill from the senate, and also for the purpose of receiving communication as to whether the senate would insist in its amendments to the appropriation bill which had been referred to the committee in. No communication being received, the house adjourned without transacting any business.

After adjournment a mock session was held with Mr. Tigner, of Muscogee, in the chair. Mr. Jones, of Chattanooga, favored the members with a speech, and Dr. T. C. Morris replied to Mr. Harrel, of Webster, on the appropriations to branch colleges, which was very funny. Several other humorous speeches were made, which afforded much fun to the members.

## NEW BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Hobbs of McRae—To relieve J. M. Barnes, of the Thomas Guards, bondsmen in the matter of arms destroyed by fire January 15, 1884.

Mr. Gandy—To reduce rates of interest on bank deposits to real estate.

Mr. Smith of Calhoun—To incorporate Millville in the county of Calhoun.

Mr. St. John of Banks—To prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of Homer Baptist church in Banks county.

## ENGINE FOR THE NEW CAPITAL.

Mr. O'Neil of Fulton offered a resolution that the president of the senate be authorized to designate an engineer to take charge of the machinery of the new capital, to begin January 1st. It was, on motion, referred to the committee on public property.

## SIXTEEN BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE.

To incorporate the Milledgeville and Asymont line.

To amend the charter of Atlanta so as to provide that whenever an officer moves out of the ward he represents his position is made vacant.

To prohibit the sale of liquor in the 72nd district, G. of Stewart county.

The resolution passed by the senate to allow the special committee investigating the alleged sale of the East Tennessee, Georgia and Florida, the Central and Georgia railroads by the Richmond Terminal, to sit during the recess was laid on the table.

Mr. Campbell of Jasper—To provide for a system of public schools for the town of Milledgeville, in Jasper county.

## SENATE Routine.

The joint resolution requesting the representatives in congress from Georgia, and the senators to use their best efforts to amend the national bank act so as to authorize loans on real estate as collateral, was concurred in.

## BILLS PASSED.

To better protect the small farming interests of the 17th district, Taylor county.

To incorporate the Fayetteville Valley railroad company.

To prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of a human interest, Gainesville county.

To enact an act making operative the provisions of the stock law as Fulton county.

To incorporate the American steel railroad company.

To amend section 227 of the code, so as to provide for the examination of an assistant reporter of the supreme court.

To amend the act to extend the corporate limits of Benicia, Cal.

To amend the charter of the Chattanooga, Rome and Columbus road.

To amend an act to incorporate the city of Calcutta.

To establish the stock law in the 24th district of Macon county.

To provide for the payment of criminal costs to the clerk and sheriff of Columbia county.

To regulate the sale of liquor in Montgomery county, and to prescribe a penalty for the violation of the same.

To establish public schools in Monroe, and for other purposes.

To amend the act incorporating Roswell, Cobb county.

To regulate the ceremony of marriage, required to be witnessed by the bride's parents on Whitfield street, where a reception and banquet were given them. The young couple are to make Atlanta their future home.

## SOCIETY GOSSIP.

The kindergarten entertainment which took place yesterday morning in the music room at Mrs. Ballard's school, was both amusing and delightful. The audience that greeted the little folks was large, and most of the parents of the little folks were present.

Mr. G. P. Stovall is the accomplished teacher of this department. She has a wonderful attraction for children, and fond of imparting knowledge, The amount of information on dry subjects showed the students to be simply remarkable. The program was as follows:

Chant—Lord's Prayer..... Class Recitation—13th chapter Ecclesiastes..... Class Discussion—Education the Crowned Glory..... Class Song—The Little States..... Class Song—The Pond's Watermelon..... Class Recitation—William's Watermelon..... Class Song—We are all Playing..... Class Dialogue—Dose of Castor Oil..... Class Physical Exercise—Luna Boyd and Bobt. Hemphill..... Class Song—Little Chickadees..... Class Myrtle Lys..... Class Recitation—Go Forth to the Battle of Life..... Class Geometric Figures..... Class Song—The Governor's..... Class Question on Geography..... Class

## Y. M. C. A. LAST NIGHT.

Dr. Baird, who was to have given a lecture on "Some Physiological Facts," at the Y. M. C. A. meeting last night, was unavoidably compelled to postpone it.

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## A Soldier's View of Education.

According to General Sherman, education, while it may not make men timid, does not tend to make them brave.

The general frankly says that he thinks courage is largely the outcome of limited knowledge. In reply to this remarkable proposition, the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* makes the point that if the general is right, his black soldiers ought to have been braver than their white comrades, but with all his boldness, Sherman would not think of taking such a position.

Undoubtedly, a man whose reasoning powers and knowledge enables him to look ahead and calculate the chances sometimes displays a degree of caution which the ignorant are ready to pronounce cowardly. On the other hand, a stupid man, or a savage, unable to estimate the true nature of the danger in front of him, sometimes rushes onward and fights desperately.

What General Sherman really means is that the rashness of ignorance may sometimes cause a man to do good fighting where a man of superior information would hesitate, and perhaps retreat. But this reckless desperation, born of a lack of knowledge, has no saving qualities. The man who thoroughly understands the nature of the perils to be encountered, and then nerves himself by a supreme effort to do his duty is worth ten blockheads ready to charge like a herd of wild bulls, only to flee the next moment like a flock of sheep.

Cesar, Napoleon, Hayeck, Chinese Gordon and Lee were educated men, but their bravery was of a higher order than was exhibited by Nana Sahib, who, in General Sherman's eyes, must have been a fine type of the uneducated soldier.

Leaving military illustrations, it is well-known that in great epidemics and terrible panics the ignorant are the first to lose their heads, while some pale-faced preacher or doctor with calm courage faces the worst and reassures his frightened neighbors.

It is hardly worth discussing, but when a man who is believed by his followers to be the greatest soldier of the civil war on the northern side, next to Grant, puts forward such a theory, a word or two will not be considered out of place.

We print in another column a very sensible letter from Colonel D. P. Hill, on the Olive bill. Colonel Hill has always been in favor of rigid laws against the railroads, and the fact that he makes the strong points made in the letter against the passing of this bill indicates that the line ought to be drawn somewhere, and he very clearly draws it.

An Exaggeration.

The other day when the democrats and the republicans in the house united in voting an appropriation for the purpose of furthering the sham and fraud known as civil service reform, Amos Cummings sat down and wrote to his paper, the New York Sun, that if the rules of the civil service commission were applied to the members of the house, not five-eighths of them would ever reach the floor again.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

WE PHILADELPHIA LADY's will leaves \$75,000 to a home for blind animals. The money might have been better expended on the inferior paper of Philadelphia.

J. W. Dr. Ross, a life-artist at Pratt's, Ains, has sent to this office a paper pamphlet written by himself, entitled, "The Key to Knowledge or the Way of Life by Essential Baptism."

It is now said that Stanley went to Africa, not to relieve Emin Bey, but in a fit of pique because a lady in England has refused to marry him. This tale is worthy of a reporter on some society paper.

THE NEW YORK GRAPHIC has an article on "The Good Nature of Lizards." What next?

THE BOSTON HERALD is shocked because Amos' River's latest story treats of a Virginia girl who says "bad" and "devil," and straddles a horse. Boston people don't know anything about real enjoyment.

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE thinks that we celebrate Christmas foolishly and extravagantly. The Tribune is not altogether wrong, but there are men who would be willing to dispense with the present joyous observance of the day. A reform in the usual mode of intoxication in some localities, however, would undoubtedly be a step in the right direction.

ANOTHER CONFISCATE has been discovered in Chicago, and some of the most prominent men in the city are mixed up in it. It is a gigantic combination of gold and silver that is in the city with a Christmas tree. Thus do the heartless capitalists continue to oppress the helpless working men.

IF THERE IS ANY TRUTH in the report that a man at Newport, (Kentucky) is learning out a ton of aluminum a day, at a cost of forty-four dollars, it is a big thing. This would be ten times a pound for a material now worth six dollars a pound, half the price of silver.

GENERAL GRENfell, the British soldier who is in command at Suakin, is probably related to the ill-fated Colonel St. Leger Grenfell who fought on the confederate side. St. Leger Grenfell was an Englishman who had seen active service

the methods by which Providence fitted the race in this country for liberty and citizenship.

We know nothing of the condition of the negroes in Mississippi except by hearsay; but we do know that slavery could have had no worse effect on them than on the negroes in Georgia. If they are relapsing into a state of barbarism it is because they are practically colonized in Mississippi in such numbers that the contact of white men has no appreciable influence on them. We may be sure that slavery is not responsible for it; for in that case the negroes who came to this country savages would have been transformed by slavery into something worse than savages.

We are of the opinion—and we make the suggestion with all due deference to the knowledge, the politics and the prejudices of the esteemed editor of the Indianapolis Journal—that the man who will compare the condition of the negroes in Africa with the condition and status of the race in this country, will find that American slavery was not such a bad thing after all. He will find, in other words, that the hand of Providence is and has been in the whole matter from the beginning.

GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND suggests that the white cap disorders that have recently broken out in parts of the country can be traced to the mugwumps. The story is that they must reform something, and that since the election they have disappeared, only to reappear with ropes, whips and other concealed weapons on their persons.

It is said that Colonel Bill Dudley put in some fine corruption work in New York as well as in Indiana.

The republicans are angry now because Mr. Holman wants to organize a fraud hunt. But why should they be angry? They have already covered their tracks.

## Mistaken Zeal.

The latest outbreak of folly is a league against Catholicism, just organized in New York. The leaders of the movement pledge themselves to work until the whole Protestant world rises against "the pope and his lieutenants."

Do not the misguided men engaged in this crusade know that they are warring against the very thing most sacredly guaranteed by our constitution to all men—the right to believe in whatever religious creed a citizen may freely choose?

If the members of the league are in earnest about promoting the cause of pure Christianity let them go into the slums of the city and evangelize the masses. Let them go to work to convince agnostics and infidels.

This effort to excite a feeling of hostility towards a great religious body of good citizens in our midst is worthy only of cranks and bigots. The sensible thing to do would be for Protestants and Catholics to join hands in fighting the great evils which menace civilization, Christianity and society itself.

We have outgrown the age of persecution, and we must now respect the religious opinions of others or take a long step backward.

Of the seven thousand democrats who voted against Mr. Cleveland, only a few have given their reasons. The world should stir the rest of them up.

AFTER the fourth of next March congress will have a quorum, especially the democrats will have to be on hand.

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What purpose can be served by such a statement? Surely not a political one, for the question as to whether the negro was civilized or brutalized through the medium of slavery is in no sense a party question. In fact, there is no question about it at all, for the country has the plain facts—as the returns of slavery before it.

Ten years ago, discussing this negro question, which seemed to be a much more serious problem than it is now, THE CONSTITUTION lifted up its voice and suggested that in all probability slavery helped the negro more than it hurt him. We remember that none of our esteemed contemporaries would discuss this phase of the question with us. The Boston Herald said that it lifted the matter far above politics, thereby intimating that when a question is lifted above politics the modern editor ought not to meddle with it.

But after awhile along came Dr. Mayo, a life-long abolitionist. He had traveled through the south for some years in the interests of education, and had studied the negro in all his relations. As one of the results of his observations, Dr. Mayo told friends at the north that slavery was in reality a university for the negro—far more than balanced whatever oppression that are inseparable from bondage.

Day after day, while Bishop, the negro who is able in the confederate side. St. Leger Grenfell was an Englishman who had seen active service

under various flags in Europe. He was concerned in the unfortunate attempt to liberate the Confederate prisoners at Camp Chase, Chicago, and after his capture was sentenced to penal servitude at the Dry Tortugas. He escaped, and was reported drowned by the upsetting of the boat in which he had embarked.

A NEW YORK correspondent writes: "It is pretty certain that the custom of New Year's carding is to be traced to the custom invented by President Cleveland—that of 'Innocents despatched.' Said the manager of the printing department in one of the big stationery houses yesterday: 'We hardly expect to do anything in the New Year's card this year, though it is rather to receive the card, as the order is to be sent to the post office, and the card will be in the mail later.'

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